

Rajagopal, MLA has surrendered before the J. M. F. C. Court, Srirangapatna for the alleged commission of offences under section 302-34 of I. P. C. read with 201-120B I. P. C. and 202-204-218 of I. P. C. and that he was released on bail on 16th January 1979.

Leave of absence to Smt Sumati B. Madiman and Sri D. Narayan Das

MR SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Smt. Sumathi B. Madiman, Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly requesting for leave of absence from the current session of the Assembly due to ill health.

Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave of absence to the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker till the end of the current sittings of the Assembly ?

HON MEMBERS.—Yes

Permission to remain absent was granted.

MR SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri D. Narayan Das, MLA who has requested for grant of leave of absence for the current session of the Assembly due to private affairs.

Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave of absence to the hon. Member Sri D. Narayan Das till the end of the current sittings of Legislative Assembly ?

HON. MEMBERS.—Yes.

Permission to remain absent was granted

Matter under rule 312

re : Termination of 91 doctors belonging to SC/ST

†SRI C.M. ARMUGHAM (KGF).—Sir, the Medical Department which is supposed to be the biggest department next to Education and the Agriculture Departments, has got 3500 doctors out of which there are only 320 doctors belonging to the SCs appointed over the last 30 years. In the several departments when we asked the question why they are not able to follow the reservation rules, the reply was that suitable candidate were not forthcoming, hence they are unable to maintain the reservation. This is the fate not only in Karnataka but all over the county.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs)—Hon. member referred to the Agriculture Department. I may inform him that in Agriculture Department the SCs/STs people are not denied of the promotional opportunities nor the appointment opportunities. I am going through the same thing.